

Register accidents

If a work accident takes place on your ship at sea, there is a good chance that you are obliged to report this accident immediately by telephone to the Human Environment and Transport Inspectorate (ILT, the former Shipping Inspectorate). A reporting form is no longer necessary, but this means that the fleet lacks a good system for identifying risks and taking preventive action.

Reporting accidents by telephone

Accidents on board sea-going vessels must be reported by telephone on 088 489 00 00. The possibility to report an accident in writing has expired. This is because it is not always possible to respond adequately to written reports, while the government services would like to do so. If the ILT needs more information, you will be contacted. In that case, ILT can still request that a report be made in writing.

Recording and reporting a work accident

With the form being dropped, the fleet lacks a good system for identifying risks and taking preventive action. A standardized way of recording (near) accidents is essential for both inventory and evaluation. That is why the forms (the first accident report form and the second accident report form) have been made available to the cutters, with the urgent request to make use of them. The Fisheries Sector Council is investigating the possibility of establishing a central reporting point for this.

Application

The "first report" form will be sent shortly after the incident. If it is a mandatory incident report or an incident that is instructive for the fleet, the skipper must complete the "second report" form. You can also use these forms as a guide in describing past accidents, which is one part of the RI&E report that the cutters must have drawn up under the ILO Convention (C188). In the event of a (near) accident, we request that you use these forms to indicate any bottlenecks in the safety on board.

You can email or send this to secretariaat@vissersbond.nl or to info@visned.nl. You can also send your forms by post to Nederlandse Vissersbond, PO Box 64, 8300 AB Emmeloord or VisNed, PO Box 59, 8320 AB Urk.

The Human Environment and Transport Inspectorate (ILT) can still ask you to draw up a written report if the Inspectorate sees reason to do so.

Overview reporting obligation

Type of incident	Result	When to report	Report to	Report by	Applicable law
Work accident	- Death - Permanent injury - Hospitalization	Immediately	ILT	Employer	Article 9 Working Conditions Act
Damage/accident during the trip		Back in port	ILT	Skipper	Article 9 Paragraph 2 Ships Act
Collision or another incident	(Possible) damage that influences ship safety	As soon as possible	ILT and Classification Society	Skipper	Article 67 Ships Decree

Shipping incident or accident			Dutch Safety Board (OVV)	Skipper and/or owner	Article 9 Dutch Safety Board Decree (ILT reports incident/accident also to Dutch Safety Board)
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In addition to the above obligations, there is an obligation under Article 353 of the Dutch Commerce Law to draw up ship declarations at a notary. For all obligations mentioned in the table, failure to comply with the obligations is punishable.